REMARKS

Restriction was required under 35 U.S.C. § 121 and 372 and Applicants were required to elect from the following groups of inventions:

Group I: Claims 1-6, drawn to a process/method for preparing liquid, and

Group II: Claims 7-18, drawn to a device for preparing liquid.

Response to Restriction Requirement

Applicants elect Group II, encompassing Claims 7-18, drawn to a device for preparing liquid.

Request for Rejoinder

Upon allowance of Group II claims, Applicants respectfully request rejoinder of withdrawn Claims 1-6, which are amended to be ultimately dependent on the elected Group II claims, and include all of the limitations of Claim 7.

No Disclaimers or Disavowals

Although the present communication may include alterations to the application or claims, or characterizations of claim scope or referenced art, Applicant is not conceding in this application that previously pending claims are not patentable over the cited references. Rather, any alterations or characterizations are being made to facilitate expeditious prosecution of this application. Applicant reserves the right to pursue at a later date any previously pending or other broader or narrower claims that capture any subject matter supported by the present disclosure, including subject matter found to be specifically disclaimed herein or by any prior prosecution. Accordingly, reviewers of this or any parent, child or related prosecution history shall not reasonably infer that Applicant has made any disclaimers or disavowals of any subject matter supported by the present application.

Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

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